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SOUTH DAKOTA POULTRY RECEIPTS UP

SIOUX FALLS, April 27, 2007 -- The **value of egg production** in South Dakota during 2006 was \$26.3 million, up 29 percent from the \$20.5 million in 2005, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Producers received an average 36.5 **cents per dozen**, up from the previous year's 30.1 cents per dozen. **Egg production** in 2006 was estimated at 865 million, up 49 million, or 6 percent, from the previous year. **Chicken deaths and other losses** were down 40 percent from one year ago.

South Dakota producers raised 4.2 million **turkeys** in 2006, down 300,000 head from 2005, a decrease of 7 percent. The **value** of this production was \$61.4 million in 2006, up \$10.5 million from \$50.9 million in 2005. **Pounds** produced in 2006 totaled 157.5 million, up 14 percent from the 137.7 million pounds produced in 2005.

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